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FEBRUARY 3-8, 1948

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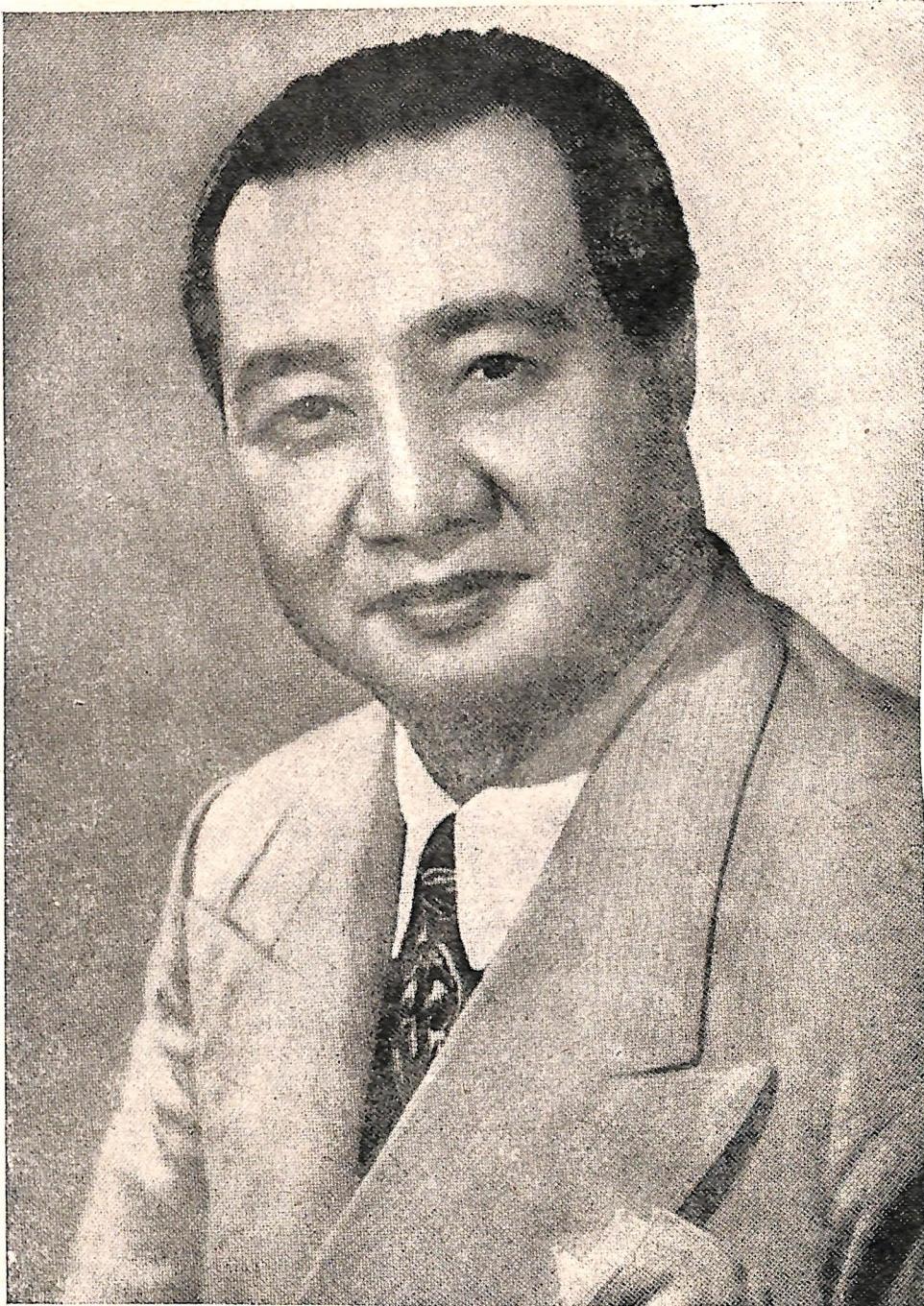
*Message of His Excellency  
the President of the Philippines*

*It is gratifying to note that thousands of our youth are now gathered in healthful athletic rivalry for the purpose of developing not only the physique but the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship. I commend the efforts of the teachers and principals of the various public schools who have devoted time and energy to the success of this athletic meet. I hope that the athletic program of our nation shall be carried on with enthusiasm and with true devotion to the dictum that a sound mind rests upon a sound body.*

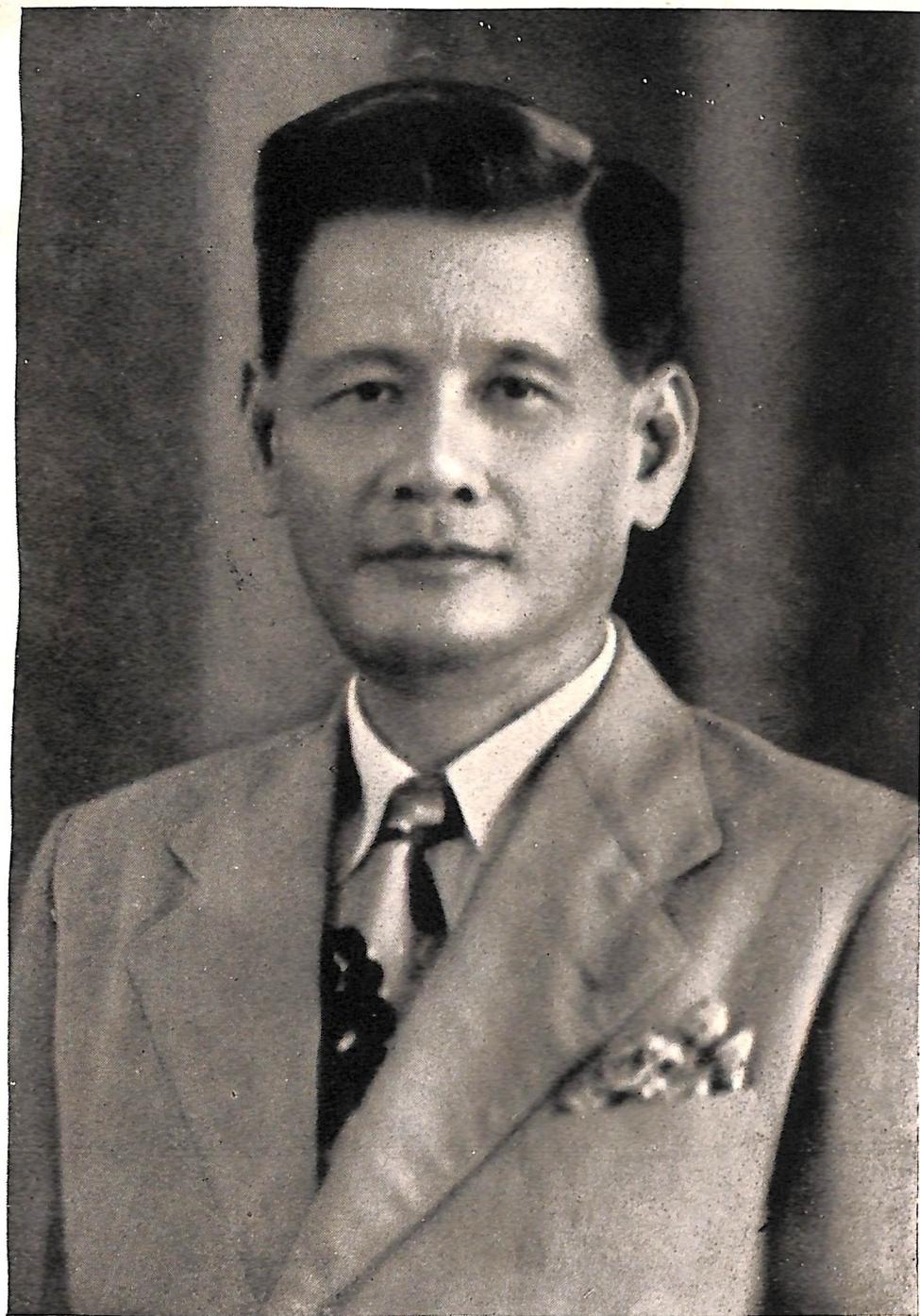
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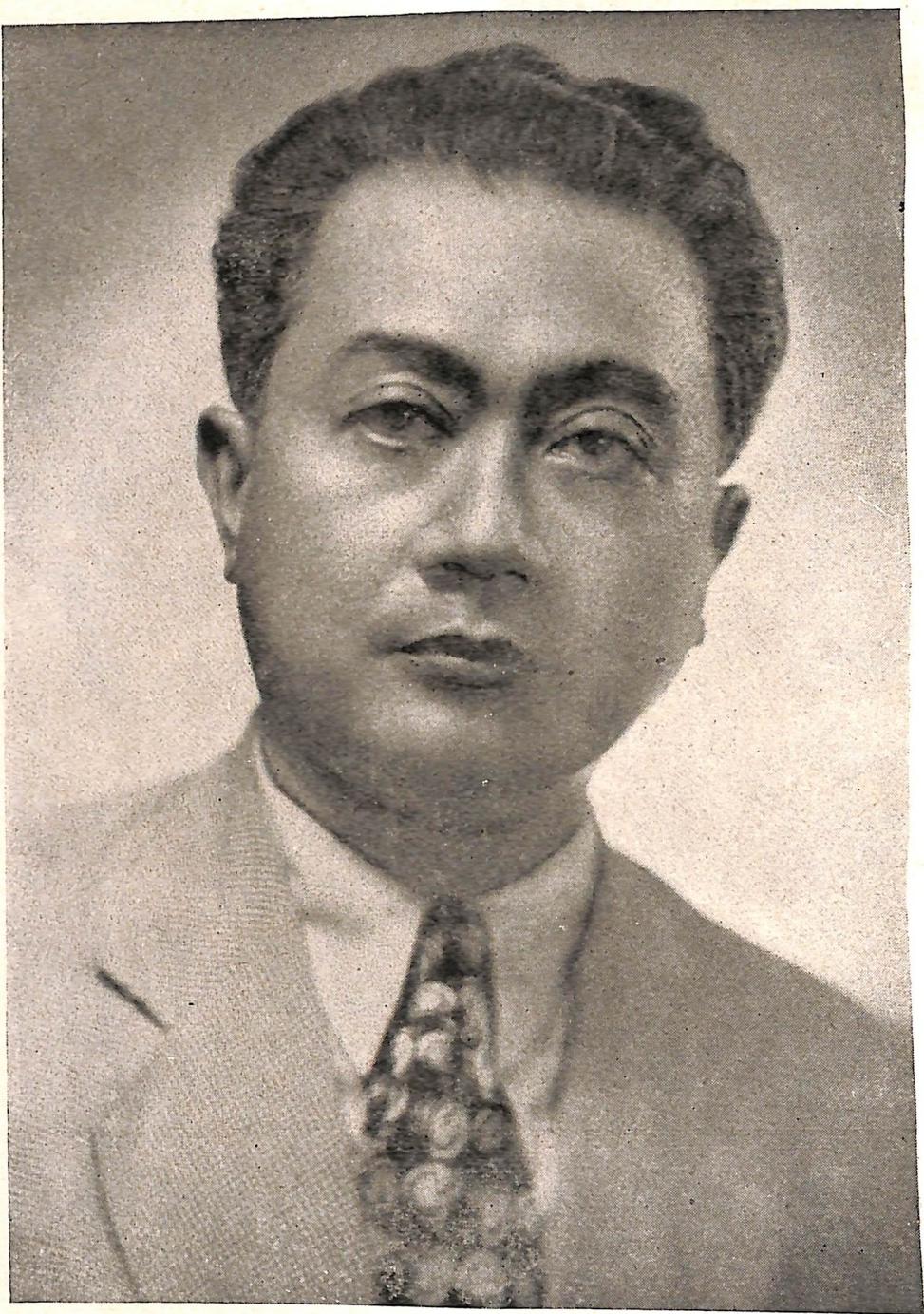
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HON. MANUEL V. GALLEG  
*Secretary of Education*

## MESSAGE OF THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

I am happy to greet the officials and athletes of the Bureau of Public Schools who are gathered in Manila for the first National Interscholastic Meet under the Republic. They are to be congratulated for having carried out a fruitful physical education program during the year and particularly for having held the various athletic association meets that are now to culminate in this national athletic festival.

Our school officials may well be proud of the fact that in holding this Meet they are carrying on a tradition of the Bureau of Public Schools. Since the inception of the Philippine public school system at the turn of the century, the Bureau of Public Schools has pioneered and led in the promotion of athletics in this country. There was a time when the athletic meets staged by the Bureau's elementary and secondary schools were the nation's premier athletic events and when such meets produced most of the athletes sent to international competitions. Now the colleges and universities, public and private, have rightfully acquired a leading role on the athletic scene, but the Bureau of Public Schools, which has blazed the trail, will carry on with its program of developing interest in physical education among the youth. For the physical education program of our schools is the expression of a basic concept that training for citizenship involves the acquisition not only of knowledge and skills but of physical preparedness and desirable character traits as well.

This Interscholastic Meet therefore is a symbol of the well-rounded or balanced training that our public school system is providing for the youth of the country. It demonstrates that classroom teaching is adequately supplemented by physical and character training on the playground and athletic field training which often is the more essential equipment for the struggles of everyday life. This Interscholastic Meet then is one of the necessary activities to achieve the prime objectives of education in this country. I wish the Meet a full measure of success.

Manuel V. Gallego

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION



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MESSAGE OF HIS HONOR  
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANILA

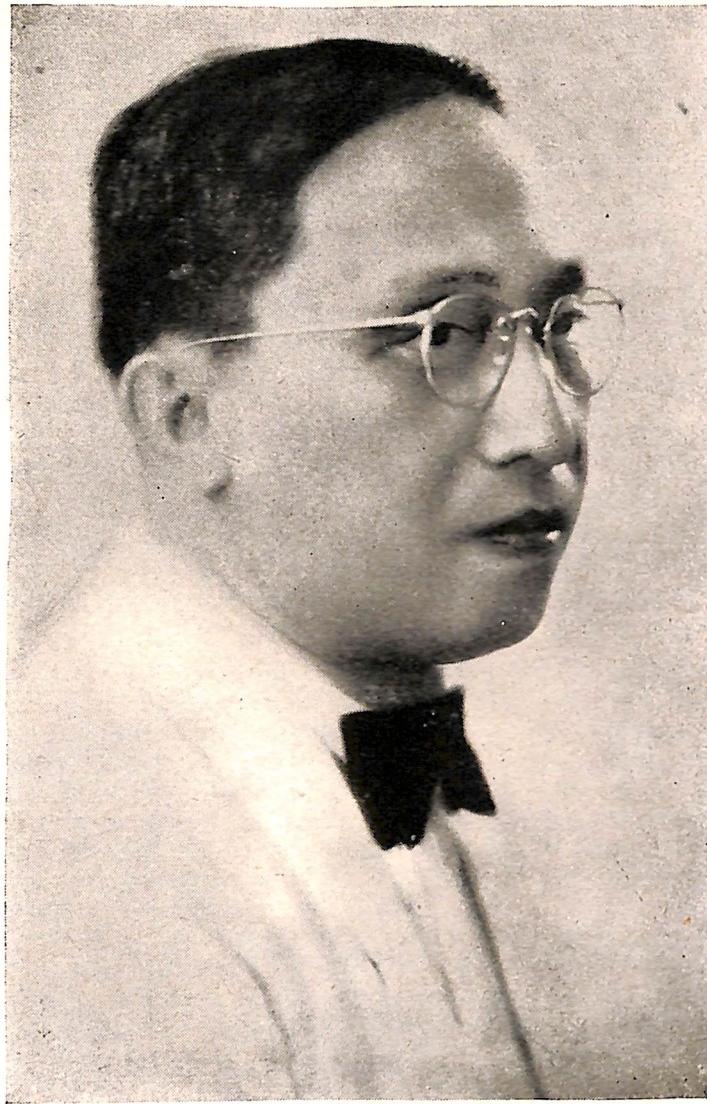
TO THE  
FIRST POST-WAR BUREAU OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTERSCHO-  
LASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEET

*The initiative that the Department of Education has taken in helping build up the vigor and strength of the youth of today, through the holding of the first post-war Bureau of Public Schools Interscholastic Association Meet at the Jose Rizal Memorial Stadium from February 3 to 8, is worthy of praise and the highest commendation. The department knows full well, as it has always known, that in the development of a strong citizenry, health of body and mind is of prime importance.*

*The first Association Meet will foster genuine love for wholesome sports and add incentive to the zest of clean living. There is no denying the fact that a healthy mind goes with a healthy body and that each is a necessary complement of the other.*

*To the organizers of the Meet, my heartiest congratulations. They are doing a splendid and exemplary job that deserves the gratitude of the nation.*

*Manuel de la Fuente*  
MAYOR, CITY OF MANILA



HON. PRUDENCIO LANGCAUON  
*Undersecretary of Education*

*Message of the President  
of the  
Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation*

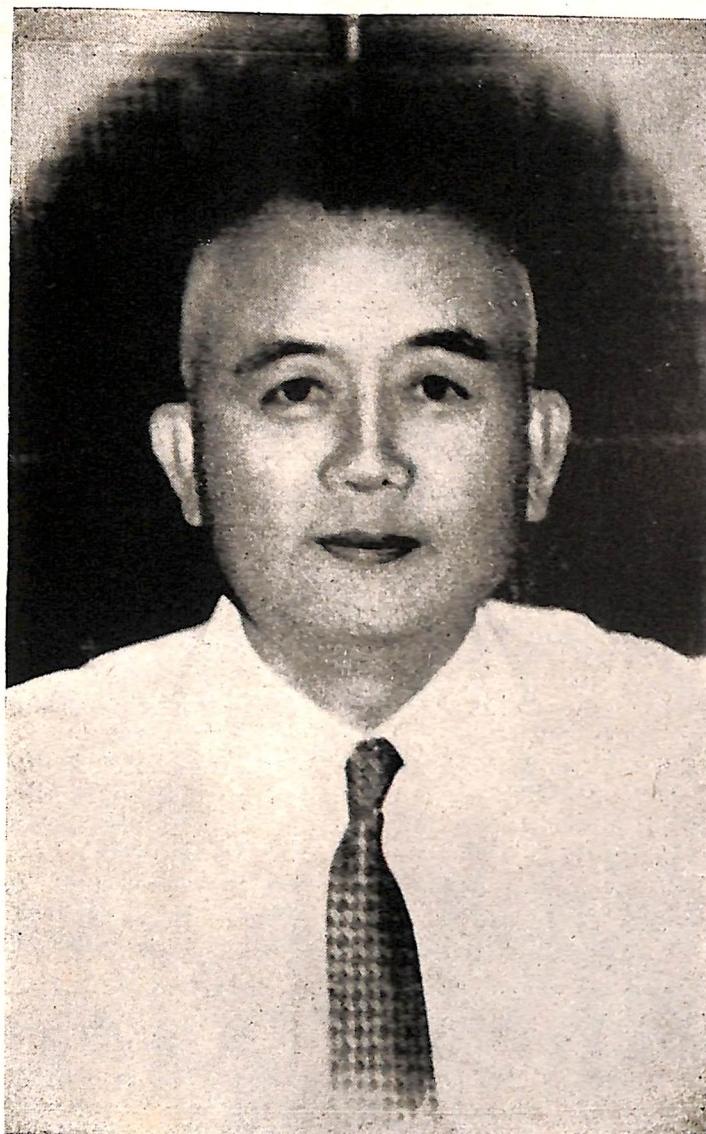
The revival of the National Interscholastic Games which, except in war years, were held annually since 1908, augurs well for the development of athletics in the country. These games which were kept on a lofty plane have done much to foster interest for sports and recreation among the young men and women in the schools. They have also contributed, more than any other factor in the gradual elimination of sectional prejudices. For this reason, they have always merited the moral and financial support of the Government. Whatever development has been made and whatever standard of achievement has been established along this line have been due in a great measure to the efforts of the school teachers behind the movement who, at times promoted sports at their own personal initiative and sacrifice.

The revival of the National Interscholastic Games is significant especially in this period in which the Philippines is trying to repair not only the material but also the spiritual ravages of the war. But it is particularly important because this being an Olympic year, we are anxious to find out what our young athletes can do for the Philippines in the coming Olympic Games at London in 1948.

We are proud of the great contribution that public school athletes have made in the participation of the Philippines in the World's Olympics and particularly in the Far Eastern Championship Games against China and Japan in which the showing of our teams, especially in track and field, depended upon the strength of our athletes who were products of the Bureau of Education athletic system. Nowhere else in the country are track and field athletics so well encouraged and so extensively promoted as in the public schools. As long as you continue to do this, interest for track and field will never be in the wane in the Philippines. I only hope that you show as much enthusiasm in the promotion of swimming as you do in track athletics, so that the future development of this form of aquatic sport which should be very popular in our country, would be assured.

It is with a feeling of deep pleasure that I extend greetings, in the name of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, to all officials and to open. It is my earnest hope that the games will continue to serve as an effective agency in the development of the Filipino Youth—physically, mentally and morally as God intends him to be.

Jorge B. Vargas  
PRESIDENT, PAAF



HON. JORGE B. VARGAS  
*President, Philippine Amateur Athletic  
Federation*

## *Message of the Director of Public Schools*

On the occasion of the Bureau of Public Schools Interscholastic Athletic Association Meet which will be held from February 3 to 8 of this year, I desire to extend to the athletes, coaches, and officials concerned my most cordial greetings. Formerly known as the Carnival Interscholastic Games and later as the Carnival Athletic Meet, this event had been held annually by the public schools before the war. It is significant that, for the first time after the Liberation, we can hold it again.

I wish to impress upon all the idea that what we shall have in this Meet are not merely combative or competitive sports, but physical education in one of its finest manifestations. In the case of many of the athletes, their participation in the Meet may be the climax to the physical training which they have received since their days in the grades. But the Meet itself is not an end, certainly not the culmination of our program of physical education in the public schools. For this program embraces practically all of our youth and is intended to last throughout life. It has, therefore, for its purpose some kind of "unlimited continuity." Doubtless because of the emphasis which the public schools of this country have always placed on the health, conservation, and development of the human body and the human personality, we see our youth today stand taller and more erect than their parents, better prepared for gainful action, and more confident in their power to grapple with the problems of the future.

It is not, of course, the human body alone that the public schools have sought to develop through their program of health and physical education. Inside the human body is a mind, a heart, a soul—and we have not neglected any of these in the execution of that program. Thus, by means of calisthenics, dances, and games duly integrated with health instruction, we have sought to promote the mental, social, and moral, no less than the physical, development of students in the public schools. We have endeavored to improve their outlooks and attitudes; we have taught them how to assume and discharge more fully their responsibilities as enlightened citizens in a democracy; and, in every possible way, we have tried to purify the tone of their social lives. Because we recognize the universality of the aims of physical education—in fact, of all good education—we have always managed to impart its message of good will and understanding among peoples and races.

Daily we endeavor to dispel the phantoms of international ill will and make little of the clouds that hang ominously over a war-weary mankind. We pray and hope that never again may the Philippines and the world go through the travail and the horrors of armed conflict. But if our dreams of peace are once more shattered and another world holocaust engulfs our beloved land, may I say that our people can rest assured that the Filipino youth, largely because of the training they have received directly or concomitantly from the program of health and physical education in the public schools, will again acquit themselves with dignity and honor worthy of the noble heritage of fortitude and valor bequeathed us by the long roster of heroes, both living and dead, whose deeds and sacrifices have adorned the pages of our national history.

*Esteban R. Abada*  
Director of Public Schools



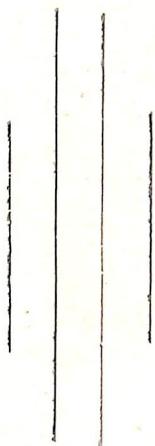
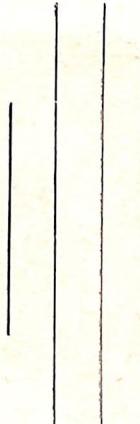
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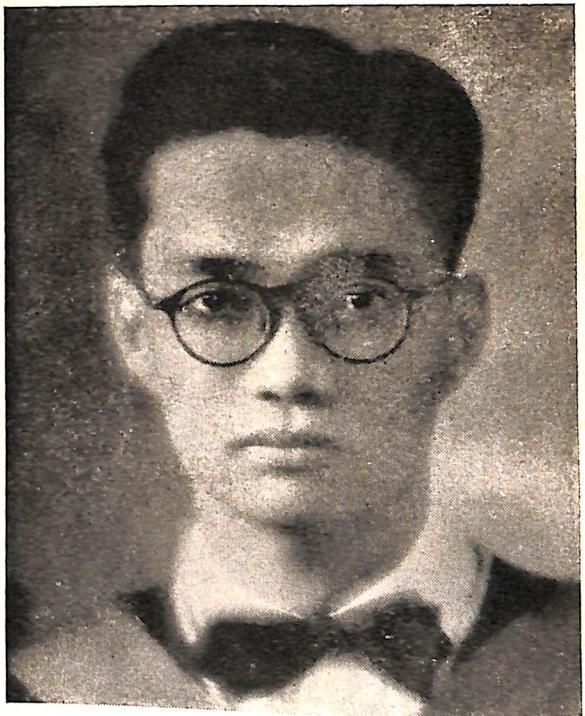
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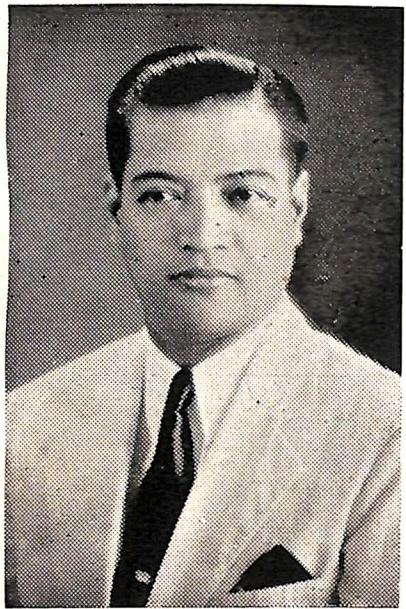
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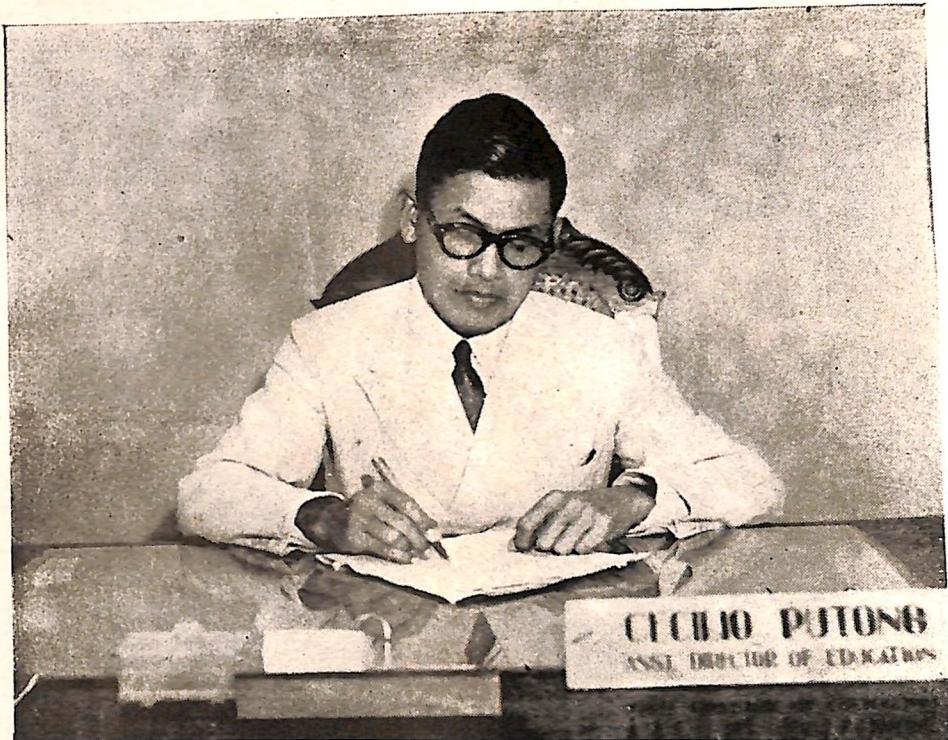
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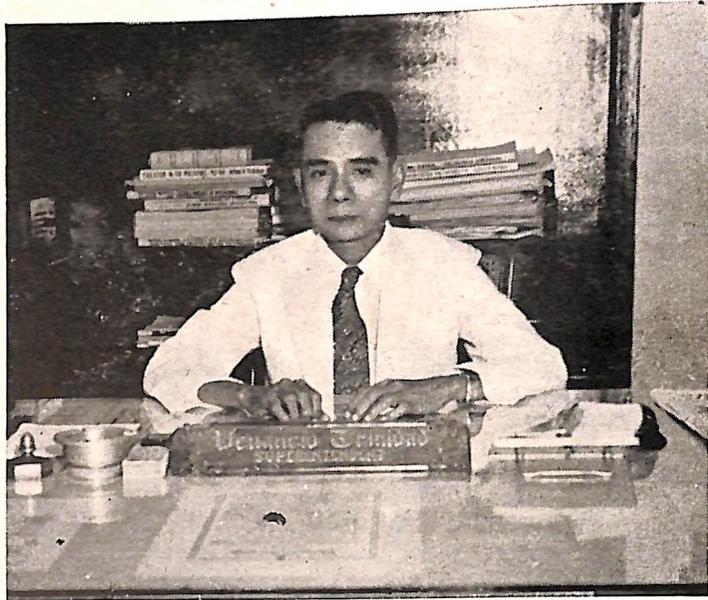
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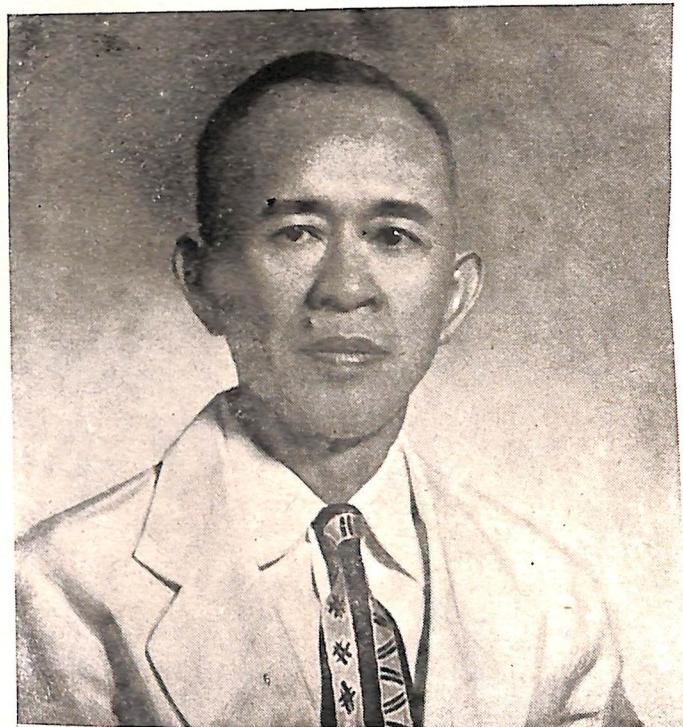
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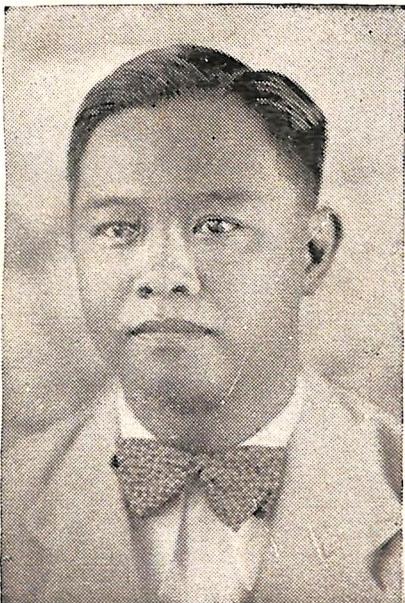


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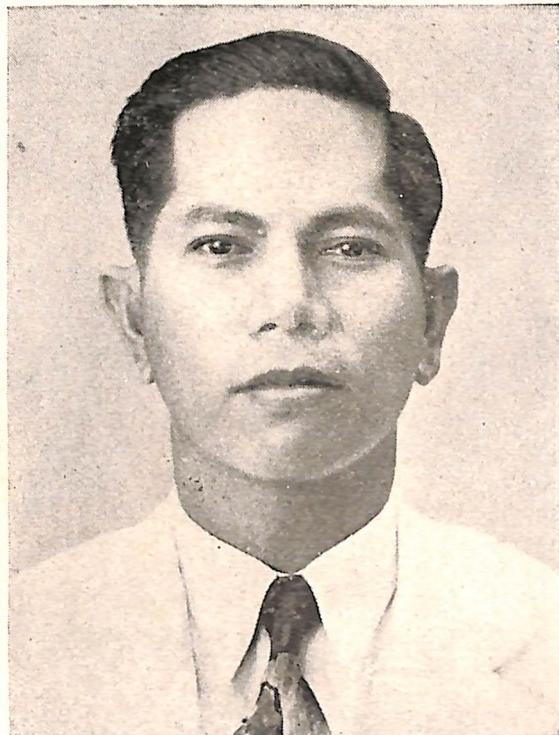


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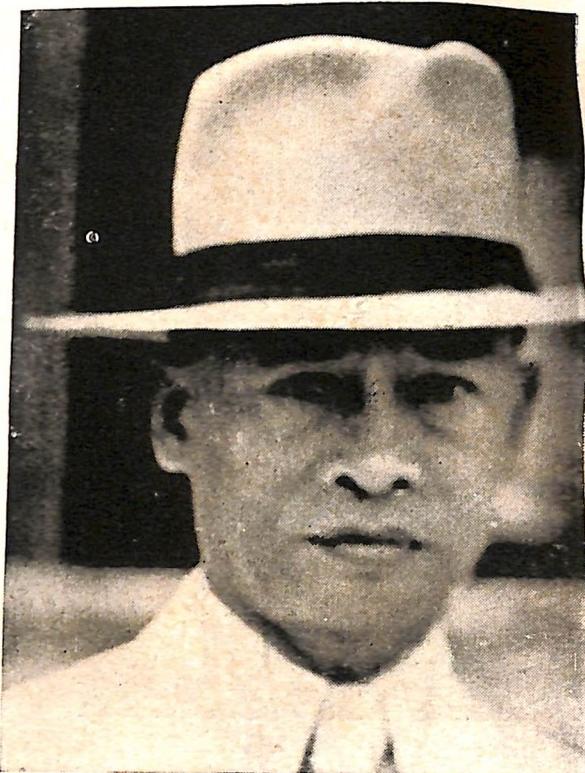
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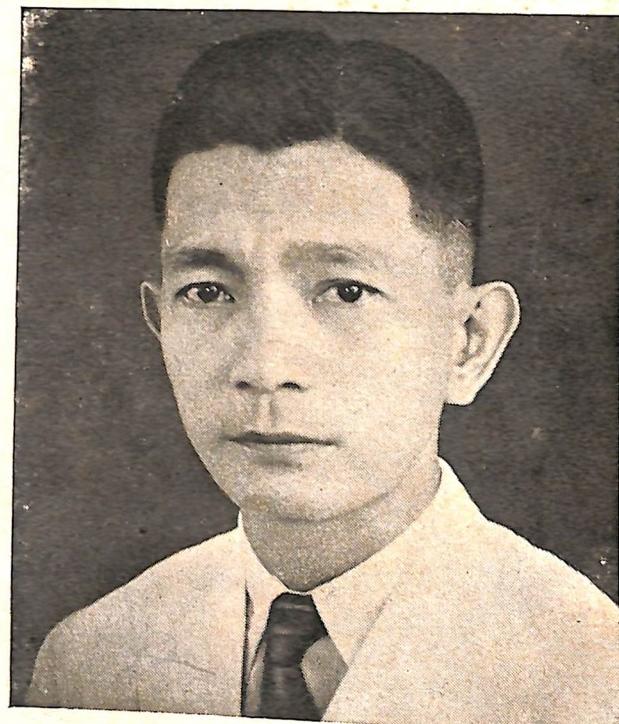
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